FORTUNES IN THE SOUTH.

EXTRAORDINARY GLEANINGS IN ALA

RAMA'S GREAT MINING DISTRICT.

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of the Mining and Metal Manufacturing
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and you will begin to have an idea of the tremendous energy at work in this great centre of mining and manufacturing. Nor is this all. Machine shops, cotton presses, ice manufactories, a tack mill, brick vards, and other special industries employ at least 3,500 men, rolling the list of wage earners up to over 9,000 workmen. About \$1,500,000 are paid out in wages every month, and this necuniary blood flows through the arteries of trade like water through an aqueduct.

Each nest of furnaces and of rolling mills, and many of the other manufacturing establishments, are the centre of a little village. The employers usually build residences for

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of the river fenced in. Love's claim was 154 mile-south of Arkansas City, Kansas, and 106 north of Gainsville, Texas. Love was an enterprising citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. The chickasaws had for years favored white settlers on their lands. The railroad company must needs establish a terminus for a division and Gainesville. It was an easy matter for Love to induce the railroad officials to establish that terminus on his claim. He and they determined in January, 1897, to build a town there. It was named Purcell before it was built. In honor of E. B. Purcell, a Sante Fé official.

The company began to build the town by erecting a big tent for the use of its employees. Love began by surveying out streets and lots enough for a great city. Then fourteen lots were staked off for the use of the railroad em-

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## IN THE CRIMEAN TRENCHES.

LORD WOLSELL Y'S HEMINISCENCES OF SERASTOPOL.

The Most Remarkable Slege in History-How the Shells Sounded-Christmas Dinner with Plum Pudding at Balaklava. From the Youth's Companion.

The average age of man, actuaries tell us,

view, trusting to being able to jump under cover when they saw the puff of smoke from the hostile loopheie before the builet could reach them. To put your cap on the end of a ramnod, and show it over the parapet to attract the enemy's fire, was a very common pastime. The men not on the lookout told stories, talked of home and their sweethearts, read any available scraps of books and newspapers, slept, and played games.

I was cating my breakfast very early one morning in a rifle off we had just taken from the enemy, and became interested in some men men me who were playing plich and toss with halfrence.

## TROTTING IN NEW ENGLAND.

LIGHT HARNESS CONTESTS STILL POP-ULAR WITH MANY HORSENEN,

Three Tracks for Trotters Near the Hub-Revision of the Eastern Circuit A Fine New England Farm and Fast Young Stock The average age of man, actuaries tell us, it only about 30 years, notwithstanding the severage age of man, actuaries tell us, it only about 30 years, notwithstanding the severage and ten wind many and became interested in the severage and ten wind many of the interest of the terror of the terro Boston, June 21,-While the trotting horse

Ailston is also an old-time battle ground. between which and Mystic Park there has ever been a soirited and friendly rivalry that has served to keep the sport alive, when commer-cial crises and Western opposition threatened to destroy it entirely. One of the unsettled points is as to which of the two tracks is the faster under equal conditions. Horses have trotted to fast records at Mostic and been beaten in slower time a few days later at Beacon, while others have failed to earn a fast mark at Mystia and soon after accomplished great things at Beacon. At present it must be admitted that the Medford track is in better condition than its neighbor, and it has the advantage of being shaped more like an ellipse, both stretches of the same length with turns nicely adjusted to keep the suikies balanced as they skim around the curves. Beacon, on the other hand, has a good homestretch, but the track has a gradual bend from the first turn to the last, so that it does not suit every kind of horse.

During the two weeks' trotting and pacing